

Solons Draw Average of \$22,500 During Session

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SACRAMENTO—The members of California's legislature, in their first year on a full-time basis, drew an average of \$22,501 in salaries and expenses during 1967.

In the assembly, the average was \$22,641 for each of the 79 members who were in the house all year. The average in the senate was \$22,472 for the 39 senators who were members all year.

In addition, members are provided state-leased automobiles and charge their gasoline and oil on state credit cards. Maintenance and repairs are included in the lease price. In the senate, members must pay lease costs in excess of \$200 per month.

Two members drew totals of more than \$24,000 for the year, while 23 members had totals of more than \$23,000.

THE BULK of the money was paid in salary, which is \$16,000 a year, and living expenses while in session. The latter is \$25 per day, seven days a week, and amounted to about \$6,000-\$8,100 for most members.

Members are paid their \$25 daily living expenses even if they do not attend sessions, provided they are excused on "legislative business." Leaders in the two houses were concerned during the year about the high rate of absenteeism but apparently most of this was on legislative business, as most members collected almost the total living expenses.

The bookkeeping system on legislative expenses in 1967 included a new "miscellaneous" category, which was supposed to cover travel other than in the leased car, other car rentals, and incidental expenses.

Assemblyman Joe A. Gonsalves (D-La Mirada), whose total draw of \$24,107 placed him second from highest, had the biggest miscellaneous expenses for the year, with \$2,848.

BECAUSE THE legislature was in session throughout most of the year, there was not the normal activity of interim committees. Members

are paid \$25 per day for attendance of interim committees.

The high man for total draw was Assemblyman Charles J. Conrad (R-Sherman Oaks) with \$24,783. Conrad is a member of the interstate co-

operation committee and must do extensive out-of-state traveling to meetings. In Gonsalves' case, he is chairman of the assembly rules committee and this post requires considerable travel.

The members who drew more than \$23,000 included: 649; William T. Bagley (R-San Rafael) \$23,641; Gordon Jack R. Fenton (D-Montebello) \$23,981; Randolph Collier (D-Yreka) \$23,974; John T. Knox (D-Richmond) \$23,847; Winfield A. Shoemaker (D-Lompoc) \$23,693; James R. Mills (D-San Diego) \$23,364;

Leon Ralph (D-Los Angeles) \$23,333; W. Craig Biddle (R-Riverside) \$23,296; Eugene A. Chappie (R-Cool) \$23,282; James A. Hayes (R-Long Beach) \$23,273; John F. Foran (D-San Francisco) \$23,299; Leo J. Ryan (D-Burlin-

game) \$23,225 Ernest N. Mobley (R-Sanger) \$23,216; Ray E. Johnson (R-Chico) \$23,211; Alfred H. Song (D-Monterey Park) \$23,144; Lawrence E. Walsh (D-Huntington Park) \$23,068, and Carlos Bee (D-Haywood) \$23,062.

The lowest man was Senator Ralph C. Dills (D-Gardena) with \$21,402. Dills missed the entire last session, from Nov. 6 to Dec. 8.

UROC Unit Will View Taft Film

"Stand Up for Freedom," a film narrated by Ezra Taft Benson, former Secretary of Agriculture, will be shown Monday, Jan. 15, at a meeting of the United Republicans of California 496.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hardesty, 23021 Huber Ave., at 8 p.m.

Norman A. DeWitt, president of the local unit, will conduct a brief business meeting prior to the program.

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